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INDIA.

Quarantine against Chinese ports on account of plague.

CONSULATE-GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES,
Calcutta, April 14, 1898.

SIR: Inclosed herewith I have the honor to transmit, for the information of the Department, copy of a notification issued by the Government of Bengal Marine Department, enforcing quarantine against the following ports in China, viz: Hongkong, Macao, and Canton.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

R. F. PATTERSON,
Consul-General.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

[Inclosure—No. 781 Marine.]

MARINE DEPARTMENT, *Calcutta, April 9, 1898.*

SIR: Hongkong, Macao, and Canton having been declared infected with plague, I am directed to state that the officers concerned have been instructed to strictly enforce the rules for quarantine which were issued by this department under notification No. 160 Marine, dated August 24, 1897, against vessels arriving from those ports.

A copy of the notification referred to above was forwarded to you with this department No. 1615, March 27, 1898.

I have the honor to be, sir, your most obedient servant,

T. H. CLOWES,
Under Secretary.

The CONSUL-GENERAL FOR AMERICA.

JAPAN.

Sanitary report from Yokohama.

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, *April 29, 1898.*

SIR: I have the honor to forward herewith my regular report of infectious diseases in Japan for period April 11 to April 28, inclusive.

The existence of a few cases of cholera in Tokyo and Yokohama is now admitted. They are, however, apparently without connection with each other, and, so far, there is no evidence of tendency to become epidemic.

The single case of plague returned from Nagasaki was that of a Chinese on British steamship *Rohilla*, from Hongkong to Japanese ports, and was detected at quarantine on the 21st instant, the patient dying in hospital on the 23d. No transmission of infection appears to have occurred. This is the sixth or seventh instance of the detection of plague at Japanese quarantine stations since the first outbreak of the disease at Hongkong in 1894, and in every case the precautions taken have been successful in limiting the spread of the malady.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

STUART ELDRIDGE, M. D.,
Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.

The SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.